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Response To Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 28, 2009, having a one-month shortened statutory period for response which expired May 28, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below: